

dis tentativis ac parum Geometricis innixos. Ut autem sentiat Lector æquus qualia in doctrina Iridis a me præstita sint, vellem Librum prædictum perlegat, ac cum nostris conferat; ne in his edendis, actum agere, Crambenq; recoctam apponere videar. Quantos autem præbeat usus in Astronomicis Lemma hoc nostrum aliâ data occasione commonstrabitur.

#### IV. *An advertisement necessary for all Navigators bound up the Channel of England.*

FOR several years last past it has been observed, that many Ships bound up the Channel, have by mistake fallen to the Northward of *Scilly*, and run up the *Bristol Channel* or *Severn Sea*, not without great danger, and the loss of many of them. The reason of it is, without dispute, from the Change of the Variation of the Compass, and the Latitude of the *Lizard* and *Scilly* laid down too far Northerly by near 5 Leagues. For from undoubted observation the *Lizard* lies in  $49^{\circ} 55'$ , the middle of *Scilly* due West therefrom, and the South part thereof nearest  $49^{\circ} . 50'$ . whereas in most Charts and Books of Navigation they are laid down to the Northward of  $50^{\circ}$ : and in some full  $50^{\circ} . 10$ . Nor was this without a good effect as long as the Variation continued Easterly, as it was when the Charts were made. But since it is become considerably Westerly, (as it has been ever since the year 1657) and is at present about  $7 \frac{1}{2}$  degrees; all ships standing in, out of the Ocean, East by Compass, go two thirds of a Point to the Northward of their true Course, and in every eighty Miles they sail, alter their Latitude about  
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ten minutes ; so that if they miss an observation for two or three days, and do not allow for this Variation, they fail not to fall to the Northward of their expectation, especially if they reckon *Scilly* in above 50 degrees. This has been by some attributed to the Indraght of *St Georges* Channel, the Tyde of Flood being supposed to set more to the Northward, than is compensated by the Ebb setting out. But the Variation being allowed, it hath been found that the said Indraght is not sensible, and that Ships steering two Watches *E b S* for one *East*, do exactly keep their Parallel. This practice is therefore recommended to all Masters of Ships, who are unacquainted with the allowances to be made for the Variation ; as also that they come in, out of the Sea, on a Parallel not more Northerly than  $49^{\circ} . 40'$  which will bring them fair by the *Lizard*.

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